

Merica Evans Hoagland papers

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
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Biographical Note

Merica Evans Hoagland was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on April 7, 1858 to Pliney (a businessman) and Merci Hoagland, one of seven children. Her mother died when Merica was 3. She attended the Vassar College preparatory class of 1875-76. In 1894 she held the position of secretary of the Fort Wayne Public Library Committee. She attended a summer course at Melvil Dewey's New York State Library School in 1898 and viewed libraries as an agent for social change. She organized libraries in Ironwood, Michigan; Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and Joliet, Illinois. She moved to Indianapolis to become the first Organizer of the Public Library Commission of Indiana, which was founded in 1901, and she served until 1906. It was merged into the Indiana State Library in 1925 (with the Legislative Reference Bureau and the Historical Bureau), as the Extension Division, now known as the Library Development Office. She served as director of the library school in Winona Technical Institute, Indianapolis, from November 15, 1905 until 1908, when it closed due to financial difficulties. She was able to obtain new financial backing, including that of Andrew Carnegie and reorganized it as the Indiana Library School through 1913, when it closed. She advocated for a state supported library school but was unsuccessful. She founded the Indiana branch of the Business and Professional Women's Club. She wrote a book called Bits of Indiana History, which was published in 1915. After leaving the Public Library Commission, she was employed by the Diamond Chain and Manufacturing Company in Indianapolis as Director of Girl Employees, Director of Welfare and Director of Mutual Service. She died August 16, 1933 and is buried in Fort Wayne.

Bailey, Joanne. "Indiana's First Library Educator". *Indiana Libraries* vol. 6 no. 2 1986:2-9. Print.

"Hoagland, Merica [America]". 1860 United States Federal Census. Retrieved 2014/05/30. <http://archives.ancestry.com>

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"Merica Evans Hoagland". *Library Occurrent* October - December 1933:127-128. Print. Passett, Joanne E. (1994). "Hoagland, Merica Evans" In *The Encyclopedia of Indianapolis*. (p. 693). Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press. ISLI 977.201 M341Ien

Warren, Hazel B. "The Indiana Public Library Commission". *Library Occurrent* January - March 1931:31-36. Print.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes an autographed, signed letter from Nelle Davis in France during February 1918 regarding life in Europe during World War I, and from Merica Evans Hoagland in Indiana; an eclipse observation in 1925, extracts from the enrollment book of the Library Institute of Winona Technical Institute from 1906-1908, a description of a party in 1928, and an appreciation of May Wright Sewall in 1933.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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This collection is open for research.

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Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Arsenal Technical High School (Ind.).
- Indiana State Library.
- Public Library Commission of Indiana.
- Winona Technical Institute of Indianapolis.

Geographic Name(s)

- Indianapolis (Ind.)

Personal Name(s)

- Davis, Nelle
- Sewall, May Wright

Subject(s)

- Community and school
- Correspondence
- World War, 1914-1918